



Weekly Student Bulletin for Braintree Sixth Form Students Friday 27th September 2024

Dear BSF Students,

I'd like to start with a thank you to all of you who have given up your time to support the sixth form and the school as a whole this week. Our two Head Prefects gave up a day to represent the sixth form at the Braintree Careers Fair on Wednesday and also gave up time to help with a promotional video to new prospective year 6 parents. The Prefects and Ambassadors are doing a lot to support with running clubs, and I know the teaching assistant role which many of you are now undertaking is really valued by the staff and lower school students. These acts are really appreciated by all staff and will be excellent things to include on your personal statements and application forms.

Notices

Peace day

In the assembly this week Mrs Howells spoke to you about peace. For anyone interested in finding out more about Peace One Day here is the link to the website

[Peace One Day | Home](#)

Hopefully you were all able to reflect on Peace in a global sense but also in the closer community and our school community. Don't forget the power of a smile – one small thing you can all do 😊 .

UCAS

Year 13 students if you are planning on applying to university you should have started your personal statements on Unifrog and be giving these to your tutors to check over – expect to write quite a few drafts before it is ready. You should also have a UCAS application started on the UCAS website. Do not forget you need to link your account to our centre using the **buzzword – BSF2025**

If you are an early applicant student, please make sure you have spoken to Mrs Howells.

Tutor Teams pages

All students should have been added to a Microsoft Teams page for your tutor group. Please make sure you are checking this weekly. Your tutors will be uploading information, useful links and key support that is linked to the personal development programme onto this page.

Library lesson training session

A reminder that the training session for support year 7 students with reading will take place in the library (in Notley High School) at the start of period 1 on Tuesday 1st October. If any other students are interested in this and supporting with year 7 students and reading then please email me.

Use of classrooms at lunchtime

Another reminder as there have been some rooms not left in a nice state this week - We want to keep all classrooms open and available for student use at lunchtimes, however, can you please ensure that you are tidying up after you have used it, especially of any food items and please do not use or take anything in the room that is already there. Thank you for your support in helping maintain the Sixth Form environment and being respectful.

Acknowledgement

A good first fixture for the Sixth Form football team with a 0-0 draw away at Southend.

Opportunities for you

My Cambridge application

There are two sessions your students can join in October.

17 October: My Cambridge Application

30 October: Cambridge College registered assessments

The webinars are a great opportunity for students to receive guidance from university admissions staff.

[Applicant Webinar Series | Undergraduate Study \(cam.ac.uk\)](#)

Meet the Russell Group webinars

1 to 3 October

This informative webinar series is for students considering applying for Russell Group universities, including Cambridge.

The webinars will cover topics such as personal statements, researching university options and student life.

[UK University Search Fair Russell Group Webinars | UK University Search](#)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DAYS – University of Law

These events will be running free of charge on our campuses the week commencing October 14, but there is also a virtual option in half term if students are unable to attend in person. Our Criminal Investigation Days are for students with an inquisitive mind and are considering a degree in criminology, law, policing or psychology.

The sessions will follow Gypsy Rose Blanchard, looking at her transition from victim to criminal to viral sensation. Through this interactive workshop, we will re-visit key moments from the trial, build a comprehensive timeline of events, and evaluate the verdict.

Students can book individually via the link below.

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Real World Lecture: What Do Hackers Know About You?

VIRTUAL EVENT

Thursday 9th November, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Do your students want to experience a lecture before they go to university, then they can join one of our amazing lectures, as they explore social engineering, a key approach that is increasingly being used to secure private details and has led to some high-profile security incidents. Find out more about hackers, the case study of Kevin Mitnick, and identify techniques to develop good cyber hygiene.

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Unifrog's UK University fair

There's only three weeks to go until Unifrog's [UK University Fair](#) on Wednesday 16 October at 4–6:30pm. Don't worry if students can't make it for the whole event, they are welcome to drop in and out whenever they can!

Your Y10–13 students are invited to meet 40 universities in two hours - including University of Bristol, University of Warwick, University of Leeds, and Cardiff University. They'll gain practical advice from the experts to help them get a step closer to their dream university.

- For students who are unsure about what or where to study - Live sessions and interactive booths can inspire them to consider a diverse range of universities from all over the UK.
- For students who know where they want to go - This fair is a great opportunity to get tips on choosing the right course and acing their personal statement ahead of the upcoming admissions cycle.
- For students who have questions about student life - Whether this is about scholarships, extracurricular activities, accommodation, or any other factors that influence students' decisions, 40 universities will be there to chat!

[iVent Pro - Venue \(ivent-pro.com\)](#)

Free Parent webinars

We had a great response to our last parent webinar on motivation, with over 3200 parents attending!

Our next webinar on October 1st is coming up, and this time we'll be giving your parents some tips on how to help their child manage their time.

Getting students to prioritise homework and revision outside of school can be a challenge, so this session is designed to show parents how they can support their child in staying on top of their workload at home.

Live Parent Webinar: How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time
Tuesday 1st October 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time 1st October 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Set Up for Success in Exams 15th October 6:00pm

How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory 19th November 6:00pm

How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child 3rd December 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Alleviate Stress 17th December 6:00pm

[Register your place in our parent support series \(elevateeducation.com\)](https://elevateeducation.com)

Essex university upcoming events

[Winter Insight Day, 13 November 2024](#): a chance for students to explore studying at higher education level, by joining engaging subject tasters and taking a tour of our campus.

[Social Sciences Conference, 27 March 2025](#): an exciting taster day showcasing departments from our faculty of Social Sciences.

[Essex Business School Taster Day, 27 March 2025](#): Discover our zero-carbon home and learn from current students who have already transformed their lives with us.

[Exploring Economics, Politics, and International Relations, 28 March 2025](#): providing an opportunity for students in years 12 and 13 to explore Economics, Politics, and International Relations at undergraduate level, in addition to providing a unique experience of a day in the life of a university student.

Open days

Colchester Campus

- Saturday 21 September
- Saturday 26 October

Southend Campus

- Saturday 12 October

Career days

There are new dates available for your students to attend career days online taking place online over the next couple of months.

Career Days give students an insight into different careers that might appeal to them, advice on subject choices and how to apply to university, followed by work experience in the afternoon to help them see what the career may be like. Students receive a certificate confirming their work experience.

Students who are aged 13-18 can register to join the online days by visiting www.careerdays.co.uk

The schedule is as follows:

Medicine Career Day - Saturday 5th October 2024
Dentistry Career Day - Sunday 6th October 2024
Business Career Day - Saturday 12th October 2024
Psychology Career Day - Saturday 19th October 2024
Architect Career Day - Saturday 26th October 2024
Performing Arts Career Day - Sunday 27th October 2024
Law Career Day - Saturday 2nd November 2024
Vet Career Day - Saturday 9th November 2024
Computer Science Career Day - Saturday 23rd November 2024
Engineering & Technology Career Day - Saturday 30th November 2024

Students can visit www.careerdays.co.uk to join a session that interests them and will receive a certificate at the end of the day confirming their work experience.

Investin – weekend programmes – career tasters this Autumn

We're excited to share that our weekend programmes are now open for registration! This November, we're running weekend programmes for students aged 15-18 with 15 exciting careers to choose from, such as medicine, architecture, investment banking, law and many more.

Our weekend programmes provide students with the perfect introduction to an industry, where they can meet top professionals, participate in interactive career simulations and build practical skills to prepare for their future career.

What's more, students will gain real-life experience as well as a personalised certificate to boost future university applications!

[Weekend Programmes – InvestIN Education](#)

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